

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Joseph Huang et al.

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For: Apparatus and Methods for Providing Redundancy in Integrated Circuits

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Examiner: Weinberg, Michael J.

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**COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits this paper to comment on the reasons for allowance provided with the Notice of Allowability dated August 23, 2007.

## REMARKS

Together with the Notice of Allowability, the Office set forth an Examiner's Amendment. A paragraph regarding the amendment states in part, "The amendment was necessary in order to distinguish over the prior art and to resolve minor informalities." The statement of the reasons for allowance also states, "It is noted that the prior art generally teaches *multiple* scan chains being fed in parallel or scan chains being tested *and* loaded in series, but none of these are seen in the claimed invention."

The statements do not appear to refer to the reference(s) of record in the application. The Applicant has therefore not had an opportunity to examine any such reference(s). Accordingly, the Applicant cannot agree as to what they teach or that "[t]he amendment was necessary in order to distinguish over the prior art."

## CONCLUSION

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this paper (other than the concurrently paid issue fees). Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-.21 be required for any reason relating to the filed papers, however, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-3813/ALTR-023.

The Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's Attorney at the telephone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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